

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 69034 Agenda Number 14.

Meeting Date: 3/23/2017 Department: Contract Management

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a construction agreement with RODRIGUEZ BARR INC. dba THE BARR COMPANY, AIA for the construction of the Onion Creek Fire/Emergency Medical Service Station for an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. (Districts 5)

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Best Value to the City of Austin of one Proposal received.
Prior Council Action:	December 17, 2015 – Council approved the use of the competitive sealed proposal alternate delivery methodology.
	August 7, 2014 – Council approved a professional services agreement with Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, Inc.
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Council Committee,	
Boards and	
Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned
	and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with
	23.72% MBE and 4.66% WBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

This Fire/Emergency Medical Services Station will serve Onion Creek and the surrounding neighborhoods allowing the Austin Fire Department to improve the emergency response times in the general area. The Fire Department's analysis of the response times in the general Onion Creek area shows that the average response does not meet the performance standards of the fire department. This station will bring those response times back up to the desired range.

The project consists of construction of an approximately 9,626 sq. ft. three-bay station to house two fire emergency vehicles and one Emergency Medical Services vehicle. The station will include an entry and office, day room, exercise space, kitchen and dining area, six dormitory rooms for fire personnel plus two dormitory rooms for EMS personnel, laundry room, bath rooms, storage rooms, and mechanical equipment rooms. Site development includes parking for Fire/Emergency Medical Services personnel, bicycle racks, and above-ground fuel facility. This station will be designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver rating.

The Competitive Sealed Proposal method of contracting allows the City to evaluate and score proposers on such comparable relevant experience so that services will be provided by a duly qualified and experienced contractor offering best value to the City. A city-staffed panel reviewed and evaluated the proposal based on published evaluation criteria.

Council's authorization of this request allows for negotiation and execution of a contract with the contractor that offers the best value to the City on the basis of published selection criteria. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement, said contractor will be notified in writing that negotiations will cease. Staff will then assess the contracting options available to pursue the work. The difference in the contractor's proposed amount and the not to exceed amount requested in this RCA is the estimation of a possible construction contingency for unforeseen conditions and any possible costs associated with clarification of scope and schedule. During the negotiation/clarification process, the proposed amount may fluctuate prior to final execution of a contract.

A delay in awarding this project will further impact the fire and emergency medical services provided in this area of the City.

The contract allows 310 calendar days for substantial completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78748 (District 5). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: Solicitation Documents.